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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE SENTAOR PELL'S VISIT

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF SENATOR PELL'S VISIT TO CYPRUS
AUGUST 18-19 GENERALLY FACTUAL AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. PAPERS
NOTED THAT SENATOR CAME TO CYPRUS ON FACT-FINDING MISSION
AND WAS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS, FONMIN
CHRISTOPHIDES, CLERIES, UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WECKMANN
AND TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH. PRESS ALSO NOTED PELL'S
VISIT TO LARNACA LEFKANTIS REFUGEE CAMP.

2. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS, IN AUGUST 20 EDITORIAL,
EXPRESSED "JOY" OF PEOPLE AND OFFICIALS AT SENATOR'S VISIT
AND "GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE US LEGISLATURE
WHO HAVE DEFENDED THE LAWS OF THEIR COUNTRY AND THE
PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND MORALITY -- PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE
BEING TRAMPLED UPON IN CYPRUS BY THE TURKISH INVADER."
EDITORIAL ALSO REMARKS THAT CONGRESS' STAND HAS "SHORED UP
PRESTIGE OF...DEMOCRATIC AND LIBERAL PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES."

3. AUGUST 20 INDEPENDENT LEFTIST ELEFTHEROS LAOS NOTED THAT
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SENATOR "SUPPORTED CONTINUATION OF THE MILITARY AID CUTOFF

TO TURKEY" (SENATOR WAS IN FACT NON-COMMITTAL ON HOW HE WOULD VOTE IN SEPT.) AND SPECULATED THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO WAS THE MAIN SUBJECT OF SENATOR'S DISCUSSIONS IN NICOSIA AND ATHENS. PAPER ASSERTED THAT EMBARGO WILL REDUCE TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE ON CYPRUS AND, IN NOVEL ARGUMENT, SAID FORD AND KISSINGER ARE TRYING TO AVOID THIS "BECAUSE TURKEY, WHEN LIABLE TO BLACKMAIL (OF THE ARMS EMBARGO), MIGHT ACCEPT A SOLUTION NOT WITHIN THE SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF THE US."

4. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS COVERAGE OF SENATOR'S VISIT
BASED ON PRESS RELEASE BY DENKTASH'S OFFICE.
PRESS NOTED THAT DENKTASH HAD EXPLAINED GENESIS OF CYPRUS PROBLEM, PLANS OF GREEK JUNTA TO EXTERMINATE TURKISH COMMUNITY, NECESSITY OF TURKISH "PEACE OPERATION", AND THE OPPRESSION OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY DURING 12 YEARS OF GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT DENKTASH AND PELL TOURED OMORPHITA (TURKISH AREA IN NICOSIA OVERRUN BY GREEKS IN 1963) AND NOTED DENKTASH STATEMENT THAT SENATOR HAD MADE NO ATTEMPT TO EXERT PRESSURE FOR CONCESSIONS. PAPERS ALSO REPORTED DENKTASH STATEMENT THAT HE HOPED THE SENATOR, WHO IS KNOWN FOR HIS "REALISM, LACK OF BIAS, HONESTY AND COURAGE" WOULD RE-EVALUATE HIS POSITION " IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE AND JUSTICE."
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